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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7804

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

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SUBJECT: INDIA SEES REPATRIATION PROBLEMS EASING

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 9628 (B) DACCA 4896 (C) NEW DELHI 12730

1. NOVEMBER 9 DELHI PAPERS CARRIED NEWS OF A PAKISTANI NOTE DELIVERED IN NEW DELHI LATE NOVEMBER 7 CONFIRMING THE GOP POSITION GIVEN IN REFTTEL A THAT PAKISTAN WILL NOT SET UPPER LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE REPATRIATED FROM BANGLADESH. SEVERAL STORIES MENTIONED THAT THE SLOW RATE OF REPATRIATION FROM BANGLADESH WAS DUE TO DELAYS IN PALISTANI CLEARANCES, BUT NOTED THAT OFFICIAL SOURCES IN NEW DELHI HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PAKISTAN WOULD NOW
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ACCELERATE THE PACE. FOR ITS PART, THE STORIES SAID,

INDIA HAD GIVEN PAKISTAN ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD MAKE EVEN GREATER EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THE RATE OF REPATRIATION OF POWS AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES. ONE PAPER ALSO NOTED THAT UNHCR SADRUDDIN KHAN HAD BEEN FULLY SATISFIED WITH HIS TALKS IN DACCA (REFTEL B).

2. THESE PRESS STORIES IMPLY THAT INDIA DOES NOT PLAN TO PUT ANY PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN BY SLOWING UP POW REPATRIATION, AS RAISED IN REFTEL C. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MEA OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, BUT ASHOK CHIB IS IN TEHRAN, AND HIS DEPUTY IS UNAVAILABLE.

3. FOR TEHRAN: WE WERE NOT AWARE OF CHIB'S TRIP TO TEHRAN AND ARE CURIOUS AS TO HIS PURPOSE FOR GOING THERE. CAN YOU FILL US IN?
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